

Hongkong Telegraph

No. 3910

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1894.

THIRTY DOLLARS
PER ANNUM.

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,000,000
Subscribed Capital £500,000

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—
D. Gillies, Esq., Chow Tung Shang, Esq.
H. Stoltzloft, Esq., Kwan Ho Chuen, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per cent.
Hongkong, 23rd October, 1894. [17]

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE—LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP £800,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS £800,000
RESERVE FUND £25,000

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNT at the Rate of 2 per cent. per
annum on the Daily Balances.
On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5 per cent.
" " " 6 " 4 "
" " " 3 " 3 "

A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 17th May, 1894. [163]

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £1,500,000
SUBSCRIBED £1,185,000
PAID-UP £561,500

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT
ACCOUNTS at the Rate of a per cent.
per annum on the Daily Balance!

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months 5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 18th June, 1894. [20]

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND
THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL £2,000,000
CAPITAL PAID-UP £251,093.150

BANKERS:
CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 3, PRINCE'S STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI.

AGENCIES:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS
and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained
on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, 6th November, 1893. [210]

Insurances.

SOUTH BRITISH FIRE AND MARINE
INSURANCE COMPANY OF
NEW ZEALAND.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept
FIRE and MARINE INSURANCES on
favourable terms.

Current rates, and a guaranteed Bonus equal
to that paid by the local Offices.

S. J. DAVID & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1894. [145]

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY,
(LIMITED).

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000 } \$83,333.33-
EQUAL TO } \$83,333.33-
RESERVE FUND \$316,000.00-

BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
LEE SING, Esq. LO YEE MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER—HO AMEL.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken
at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the
World.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAVA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1894. [160]

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED \$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept
MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS,
&c. Policies granted on all Parts of the world
payable at any of its Agencies.

CHAU TSEUNG FAT,
Secretary.

HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 10th May, 1894. [160]

Intimations.

A. S. WATSON AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND on Account of
the Year 1894, at the Rate of FORTY
CENTS PER SHARE (or Four Per Cent. on the
Capital of the Company) will be PAYABLE
at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK,
Hongkong, on and after the 22nd instant, on
WARRANTS to be obtained from the Under-
signed. Local Shareholders are requested to apply
at the COMPANY'S OFFICE for their
WARRANTS.

The REGISTER of SHARES will be
CLOSED from Monday, the 19th instant, till
Saturday, the 24th instant, both days inclusive,
during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES
can be registered.

By Order, A. H. MANCELL,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 13th November, 1894. [1180]

CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE
YEAR 1893.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby requested to
send in to this Office a LIST of their
CONTRIBUTIONS of PREMIA for the year
ending 31st December last, in order that the
proper proportion of PROFIT for that year to be PAID
as BONUS to CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged.
Returns not sent in before the 30th instant will
be made up by the Company, and no subsequent
Claims or Alterations will be allowed.

By Order of the Directors,
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st November, 1894. [1183]

CHRISTMAS AND NEW
YEARS SOUVENIRS.

GRIGGITH'S
CHRISTMAS AND NEW
YEARS CARDS

GIVING A SERIES OF
PHOTOGRAPHIC VIEWS and
GROUPINGS, Illustrating Chinese Life
and Character, are the BEST MEDIUM for
SENDING the SEASON'S GREETINGS to
HOME FRIENDS.

Sold by—

Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.
W. BREWER & Co.
KELLY & WALSH, Ltd.
NORONHA & Co.
CARMICHAEL & Co., Ltd.

And at
THE STUDIO,
No. 2, Duddell Street.
Hongkong, 16th November, 1894. [1192]

KIUNGCHOW DISTRICT.

LOCAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
NO. 4.

LAMKO LIGHTHOUSE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the LIGHT
at LAMKO was EXHIBITED for the first
time at SUNSET on the 19th

The illuminating apparatus is a two-sided
Dielectric one, of the Fourth Order, showing
white flashes at intervals of 20 seconds.

The Lighthouse stands about 233 yards to
the southward of high-water mark on LAMKO
Point, and the LIGHT, which is elevated 63
feet above the level of the sea, should be visible
in clear weather at a distance of 13 miles in all
directions where it is not obscured by land.

The Tower is an Iron Screw Pile Structure,
35 feet high, with a total height from its base
to the lantern vase of 67 feet.

The Tower is painted white with two red
horizontal bands; the dwellings are white.

Approximate position:—
Latitude 20° 30' N.
Longitude 109° 45' E.

C A U T I O N.

As there are extensive Reefs to the northward
and westward of LAMKO Point, Vessels are
recommended to PASS the Lighthouse at a
distance of not less than TWO MILES.

C. J. PRICE,
Acting Harbour Master.

Approved:

F. S. UNWIN,
Acting Commissioner of Customs.
Custom House,
Klungchow, 16th November, 1894. [1193]

THE PHARMACY.

"TANSAN"

"TANSAN" THE NEW JAPANESE TABLE WATER.
Recommended by leading Medical Men in
Hongkong and China.

Analytical report by ARTHUR HILL HASSALL,
M.D., and EDWARD GODWIN CLAYTON, F.I.C.S.,
F.C.S., shows that it contains 8 per
cent more Iron Carbamate than any water from
British Seas.

"TANSAN" "TANSAN" "TANSAN"
The sole Agents for Hongkong and South China.
FLETCHER & Co.,

The Pharmacy,
4, Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 10th November, 1894. [164]

TO SHIPMASTERS.

STEAM WATER-BOAT COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to SUPPLY
on shortest notice any quantity of PURE
FLASH FILTERED WATER for both DICE
and BOILERS.

The only Company in Hongkong exclusively
Supplying FILTERED WATER.

Despatch Guaranteed. Call, F. W. KEW & Co.,
16, Poya Central, Hongkong, 17th November, 1894. [165]

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LTD.

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ARE SHOWING A MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF
CHRISTMAS CARDS.

THE NEXT ENGLISH MAIL OF NOVEMBER 22ND IS DUE IN LONDON ON
CHRISTMAS DAY.

Just Published:—"LAYS & RELAYS" by Tung Chis, with Collotype Illustrations—
A Capital Souvenir for Friends at Home, especially Old China hands Price 25c.

W. BREWER, LIMITED.

Hongkong, 14th November, 1894. [165]

W. BREWER.

CHRISTMAS CARDS.

W. BREWER has just received a fine Assortment of JAPANESE HAND PAINTED
CARDS.

A Handsome and very appropriate CHRISTMAS BISCUIT to Home Friends,
12 PERMANENT PHOTOGRAPHS of HONGKONG, handsomely bound, \$3.50.

SKETCHES in and around SHANGHAI, ILLUSTRATED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS,
and handsomely bound.

BOXES of JAPANESE NOTE PAPER and ENVELOPES, charmingly designed.

A Large Assortment of CHRISTMAS CARDS from all the best makers.

W. BREWER,
UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL.

Hongkong, 7th November, 1894. [1675]

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"KREMLIN"
A. B. C. Code.

TELEPHONE,
No. 32.

BOARD AND LODGING
FROM \$5.00 PER DAY.

HYDRAULIC LIFT TO ALL FLOORS.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH Conveys PASSENGERS and BAGGAGES to and from all
MAIL STEAMERS.

R. TUCKER,
Manager.

Hongkong, 21st September, 1894. [1694]

HOTEL CHAMBERS.

BOARD AND LODGING
FROM \$3.00 PER MONTH.

ROOMS TO LET on 2ND and 3RD FLOORS, FURNISHED or UNFURNISHED.

Apply to R. TUCKER,
Manager,

R. LYALL,
Secretary. [239]

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.
SHIPCHANDLERS, SAIL-MAKERS, &c.

SUPPLIES OF ALL KINDS OF
SHIP AND ENGINE STORES
OF BEST BRANDS.

AGENTS FOR:—
INTERNATIONAL COMPOSITION FOR SHIPS' BOTTOMS.

PRICES SPECIAL ENGINE and CYLINDER OIL.

BELL'S SPECIAL ENGINE AND CYLINDER OILS.

PURE FRESH WATER SUPPLIED

Hongkong, 16th July, 1894. [1195]

TELEPHONE No. 97. [1195]

DAWSON'S PERFECTION
OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO., SOLE AGENTS, Hongkong and the Far East,
4, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1894. [165]

FOR SALE.

THE HONGKONG TELEGRAPH, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1894.

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED
A CONSIGNMENT OF

ILFORD DRY PLATES,

t. 3, 1/4, 10/8, 12/10,
and are offering the same at popular prices.

[SENSITIZED ALBUMENIZED PAPER,
3 pl. in lbs.
CHEAP AND RELIABLE.]

DAKIN, CRUCKSHANK & CO., LTD.
VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 13th October, 1894.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY

Has received by the S.S. Sydney and from other sources the Very Latest Novelties

in
CHRISTMAS CARDS

AND

NEW YEAR CARDS.

Comprising:—

JAPANESE and ENGLISH CARDS, hand-painted and of Artistic Designs; JAPANESE VIEWS, VIEWS of HONGKONG and TYPES of NATIVE CHARACTER,

ALSO,

FURTHER SUPPLIES

Ex S.S. Bombay and Canton of WHOLESMOME CONFECTIONERY

AND

DELICIOUS SWEETS.

These Shipments include:—

CADBURY'S SPECIAL CREAMES,
PATE D'APRICOTS, JORDAN ALMONDS,
CARAMELS, PRALINES,

CHOCOLATE, OYSTERS,

DESSERT CHOCOLATE,

RITTER SCOTCH, ALMOND ROCK,
EVERTON TOFFEE, ASSORTED TOFFEE

FRYS CHOCOLATES,

MIXED BONBONS, NOUGAT,
TANGERINE, JBITS BURTS,
ORANGE PASTE, ROLLS,

&c., &c., &c.

Together with

FANCY BOXES,
which are very suitable for Seasonable Presents for LADIES and CHILDREN.

AND

FRENCH CONFECTIONERY

AND

CONSERVES,

from the very best Parisian Houses including:—

FRUIT JELLIES, PARISIENS,

CRYSTALLISED APRICOTS, CHERRIES,

GREENGAGES, &c.,

In large Assortment.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY,

Hongkong, 17th November, 1894.

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NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Manager, Hongkong Telegraph" and not to the Editor.

Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.

Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication; but as evidence of good faith.

Whilst the columns of the *Hongkong Telegraph* will always be open for the fair discussion by correspondents of all questions affecting public interest, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions thus expressed.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers are requested to forward all notices intended for insertion in that day's issue not later than Three o'clock so as to record the early publication of the paper.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be continued until countermanded.

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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

SUBSCRIBERS TO "THE HONGKONG

TELEGRAPH" ARE MOST RESPECTFULLY

REMINDED THAT ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS

MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

BIRTHS.

At Wenchow, on the 7th instant, the wife of Dr. LOWRY, prematurely, of a son (still-born).

At Tientsin on the 9th November, the wife of HENRY ST. CLAIR KNOX, of a daughter.

At East Gate, Shanghai, on the 10th inst., the wife of Mr. P. JARNO, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

At Union Church, Hongkong, on the 20th instant, by the Rev. G. J. Williams, JOHN INGRAM ANDREW, Englesea, Taikoo Sugar Refinery, to SOPHIA RAIN, youngest daughter of the late Captain Jacob Berg.

At Union Church, Hongkong, on the 10th instant, by the Rev. J. T. Williams, WILLIAM BALLANTINE, Chief Engineer S.S. *Pura Chow Kiao*, to INA, third daughter of the late William McMillan, merchant, Gourock, Scotland.

At All Saints' Church, Tientsin, on the 5th November, by the Rev. F. L. Norris, JAMES FRANCIS MOORE, Imperial Chinese Railways, to JANE, eldest daughter of Robert Davidson, shipmaster, Dundee, Scotland.

At the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, on the 10th November, by Mr. N. J. Hannen, H.B.M.'s Consul-General, and afterwards at Holy Trinity Cathedral, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., EDWARD CHARLES, second son of John Swaine-Pearce, of London, to MARION (MOLLY), youngest daughter of Frederick Everett, of London.

On the 15th of November, at the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, by Mr. N. J. Hannen, H.B.M.'s Consul-General, and afterwards at Holy Trinity Cathedral, by the Rev. H. C. Hodges, M.A., GEORGE, eldest son of the late Mr. George Shepherd, of Kilmalcolm, Renfrewshire, Scotland, to NINA, third daughter of Mr. J. Headingley, of Shanghai.

DEATHS.

At the Family Hotel, Shanghai, on the 10th November, GEORGE FREDERICK, the infant son of Rebecca Anne and John Luther Elam.

At Shanghai, on the 11th November, LOURENCO ANTONIO XAVIER, Purser receiving ship *Aries*, aged 61 years.

The *Hongkong Telegraph*

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1894.

TELEGRAMS.

THE FUNERAL OF THE LATE CZAR OF RUSSIA.

LONDON, November 19th.

The remains of the late Czar of Russia have been interred in the Church fortress. The ceremony was an impressive one, the streets through which the funeral procession passed being crowded to excess and lined with troops. The mourners included the Danish, Greek and Serbian Sovereigns, the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and other distinguished personages.

SAVES THE N.C. *Daily News*: The story that the Hankow native policemen handed over to the authorities, charged with murder on the Concession, had been tortured has no foundation in fact. They were bambooed and are still in prison, but they are allowed to communicate with the British Consul, and it would be known at once if any illegal penalties were imposed on them.

THE WAR IN THE DUTCH INDIES.

The Dutch troops have attacked the Balinese stronghold at Yaktengranga and captured two of the strong positions after a stubborn resistance.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

(Special to *Shanghai Mercury*)

TIENTSIN, Nov. 15th.

The Foreign Ministers at Peking, including Mr. Carl Rock, Charge d'Affaires for Denmark, were received in audience within the premises of the Palace.

SALUTING THE "CHUNGKING."

Yesterday the Chinese saluted the steamer *Chungking* with twenty-one guns, in the presence of the British Consul, in satisfaction of the insult committed on the flag. I can hear of no other British demand besides this.

GENERAL WEI BEHEADED.

November 16th.

General Wei has been beheaded on account of the Ping-yang affair, he being considered solely to blame for the defeat of the Chinese troops in that engagement.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

(Special to *N.C. Daily News*)

TIENTSIN, November 16th.

The Chinese Squadron observed several Japanese war-ships outside Port Arthur on Tuesday last, but they steamed away on the approach of the Chinese.

Captain McClure has been appointed Assistant Admiral of the Peiyang Squadron.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

SPECIALLY attractive performance at Hartington's Circus, at West Point, at 9 p.m.

The British war vessels *Pisces* and *Leander* left Shanghai for the North on the 14th inst.

The P.M. S. S. Co.'s steamer *City of Peking*, with mail, &c., left Nagasaki for this port at 7 a.m. to-day.

The well-known China Merchant's steamer *Hastings* was transferred to the German flag in Shanghai on the 15th inst. She is now known as the *Fuyi*.

H.M.S. *Crescent* was at Chefoo on the 15th inst.

The weather at the Scarborough of the Far East on that date was not too cold, but just cold enough to be pleasant.

THE *Hongkong Telegraph* is officially informed that an insurrection is hourly expected in Peking. The *Hongkong Telegraph* begs leave to doubt the accuracy of this official information.

UP till Monday the 12th inst. the Japanese fleet had not been at Port Arthur; but troops were seen to be about nineteen miles from that place, engaged in strengthening the fortifications of the places they had captured.

The China Merchants' steamer *Hastings*, which has been acting as a transport to the North, and has lately been transferred to the German flag under the name *Fuyi*, arrived in Shanghai from Tientsin on the 15th inst. She had 600 Chinese passengers on board.

DO NOT RIVALS THE BOW-LEGGED MAN, says the *Chicago World*. He plays an important part in this world of ours. It is estimated that 40 per cent. of mankind are bow-legged, anatomically. Bow-legs invariably accompany a robust physique; we find them one of the most conspicuous features of athletes. Comedians are almost always bow-legged. Of the bow-legged genuses to which humanity points with pride the most illustrious examples are Cleopatra, Napoleon, Wellington, Schopenhaier, Washington, Irving and Carver.

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It is said that freemasons are met with less frequently among lawyers than in the ranks of any other profession.

THE sense of taste is most acute in the base, tip and edges of the tongue, and is almost wholly lacking on its interior surface.

THE many friends in this colour of Capt. Sawyer, of the ship *Wildwood*, will leave with regret that news of his death was received by last mail from Vancouver.

We understand that a draft of the Rifle Brigade left Singapore yesterday by the steamer *Yunnan* for this port, and the whole battalion is expected here before the New Year.

FOR carrying thirty-six passengers in excess of the number for which he had a license, Ho Lai, master of the steam launch *Wo Siao*, was fined \$72 at the Police Court this morning.

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WE note the arrival here to-day of Consul General N. J. Hannen, by the *Rossia* from Shanghai, who is en route to England on leave of absence.

AT the Police Court this morning Mr. Hastings imposed a fine of \$100 on Chan Fook, shopkeeper, for having his possession, ten tael of illicit opium. The shells were paid in.

DEAR MR.—

FOR excuse me this AM do from office. My four had very pain. For one fault my own A V H because. This time certain excuse me must. Monday in office real come.

Yours &c

THE annual meeting of the Shanghai Paper Hunt Club was held on the evening of the 14th inst. at the Shanghai Club, Mr. F. J. Maitland presiding. The proceedings passed off satisfactorily, and Messrs. F. J. Maitland, Dugdale, Perrott, Souter, Callaway, Ayscough, and Crawford were elected! Stewards for the ensuing season.

WE are curiously informed by the agents of the China and Manilla Steamship Company that the delay of the *Zafiro* at Amoy is attributable to her having "touched bottom" between Hongkong and Amoy, that they do not yet know where the grounding took place, and that she will return to Hongkong for repairs at an early date, probably to-morrow. It is understood that the *Zafiro* is not seriously damaged.

LATEST reports received in Shanghai from Fusian state that the Tonghaks are 5,000 strong at Chinju, about 250 W west of a treaty port, and appear to be giving the Japanese soldiers some trouble to disperse them. About 150 Japanese left for Chinju on the 22nd inst., and were surrounded by the Tonghaks and unable to escape. On the 4th inst. 150 more soldiers were sent against the rebels, but with what result is not yet known.

THE following are the officers of the Ancient Landmark Lodge of Shanghai for the ensuing year:—

Bro. Jas. Eveleigh W.M.

" G. Howard S.W.

" Warwick Winston J.W.

" J. W. Bennett Treasurer.

" G. L. Skinner Secretary.

" A. R. Bowman S.D.</p

The firing continued for about an hour when one of the torpedo-boats appeared to be hit by a shot from the fort. The Chinese delayed it. The other boat surrounded the damaged one and withdrew, and the firing then ceased. Thus ended the onslaught on Port Arthur the Japanese boats not firing a shot! It is thought that the boats came to reconnoitre and are where the remnant of the Chinese fleet was, or probably to detract attention from land movements going on at Talienshan. When the firing commenced the Chinese torpedo-boats went out, but did not attack the enemy. Two days later the Chinese fleet, composed of six men-of-war which had gone through the Yalu fight, left for Taku under the command of Admiral Ting, for orders. The *Liyuan*, the vessel that was partially burnt, remaining, her repairs not having yet been completed, although the workmen are busily engaged in effecting alterations."

It is whispered in influential native circles in Tientsin, but we do not know what authority there was for the whisper, that Sheng Taotai has at length come to the end of his tether. They say that during the last month he has been relieved of many of his multifarious duties, and that the accounts and funds belonging to the various bureaux have been removed from his custody. He was also hinted that he is increasingly anxious about the continuity of his vertebral column, and would now willingly retire from the confusion he had so largely helped to create. His Excellency is credited with an intention to relieve himself at all hazards of the responsibilities he has incurred and that his chief desire is to determine where to go and how to get there.

Junk loads of Chinese were arriving at Chefoo last week, and a high official came in on a torpedo-boat. There is no doubt the Japanese have captured Talienshan, and that the Chinese fleet has left Port Arthur. When the *Chingting* was leaving Taku last week with troops for Port Arthur she was stopped by the *Tsunan* returning with the information that it was unsafe to proceed. She accordingly put back and discharged her troops.

Admiral Farnie seems to have changed the rendezvous of the squadron from Chusan to Chefoo. The *Fusil* and *Porthos* have been ordered to Chefoo, while the *Pigeon* returned to Wonsung, on the 17th inst., where she and the *Caroline* remain for the present.

The Chinese fleet, fully equipped, left Taku at 3 p.m. on Monday the 12th inst. The *Yoshio* was cruising off Wei-hai-wei the previous day, and it was anticipated at Chefoo that a fight would at once take place between the hostile fleets, so H.M.S. *Pugnacious* was despatched in hot haste to witness the combat. She left Chefoo under sail, getting up steam as she went along, but one of the steamers recently arrived in Shanghai passed Wei-hai-wei all was apparently quiet at that place, but the smoke of a cluster of men-of-war could be seen in the distance. The Chinese have a report that two of the seven ships captured by the Japanese at Talienshan have been recovered.

A letter from Port Arthur states that the General in command has addressed the troops to the effect that, though the Japanese have captured certain important positions, a brave resistance at Port Arthur will retrieve the honour of China. He warns them that there can be no retreat, but that in the event of defeat only death or capture can occur, and exhorts them to hold out to the last. General Sung-ching is in the meantime sending reinforcements to assist in holding the place.

ORIGIN OF SOME COMMON THINGS.

Steel pins originated in England in 1802. Lawyers were known in Babylon 2900 B.C. The first public bank was that of Venice in 1500. Marine insurance was practiced in Rome B.C. 45. Bells were first placed in churches about 400 A.D. Bookkeeping is first mentioned in Italy about 1500. Notaries are first mentioned in the Fourth century.

The first regular standing army was in Egypt, about 1900 B.C.

Regular police were employed in Babylon 2000 years before Christ.

Painting in both oil and water colours was known in Egypt 1900 B.C.

Shoes are first mentioned in Egyptian annals 2000 years before Christ.

The word humbug is of Irish origin and means soft copper, or worthless money.

The first silk dress worn in Europe was sported by a lady of the French court in 1455.

Playing cards were introduced into Europe by a crusader about 1300 to amuse Charles IV.

Socklings are first mentioned in literature as being already worn in Italy about the year 1100.

Clocks are said by some to have been invented by Pacificus, a priest of Verona, in the Ninth century.

The administration of the oath to witness was a practice common among the Jews at the time of the exodus from Egypt.

Spectacles were invented in Italy about 1283.

They were at first very expensive, so were worn only by wealthy persons or noblemen, and so came to be regarded as a mark of rank.

ARDENT SPIRITS.

THE WHOLE WORLD ENGAGED IN SUPPLYING MAN WITH INTOXICANTS.

A coruscating article of the *New York Herald* calls at tent on the fact that almost the whole world is given to supplying distilled spirits to satisfy its appetite of mankind, and it would appear that the efforts made to suppress the desire for stimulants by the advocates of temperance is as impossible as to demand something in opposition to nature.

To give an idea of a few nations supplying the intoxicants, with their names and from what made, he submits a few, thus:

Aquavit, made from agave tree, in Spain.

Arrack, made from coarse sugar, in India.

Mahwa, arrack, made from the juice of palm, in the East Indies.

Arrack, made from mare's milk, in Tartary.

Arrack, made from dates, in Egypt.

Arrack, made from cow's milk, in Iceland.

Brandy, made from grapes, figs, etc., in Europe and America.

Fructus, made from sloes, in South of France.

Gin, made from barley and juniper, in Holland.

Gin, made from holly and turpentine, in England.

Goldwasser, made from barley and anise seed, in Germany.

Kirschwein, made from cherry berries, in Switzerland.

Lau, made from rice, in Siam.

Maraschino, made from cherry berries, in Austria.

Curaçao, made from oranges, in the West Indies.

Ponche, made from cactus, in Mexico.

Rakai, made from husks of grapes, in Sicily.

Rassolito, compounded in Daniels.

Seckskayawode, made from fruit, in Sicily.

Sikavita trava, made from sweet grass in Kamtschatka.

Schowcho, made from rice, in China and Japan.

Rum, made from sugar cane, in West Indies and America.

Taba, made from palm, in the Phillipine Islands.

Whiskey, made from molasses and grain, in Europe and America.

Woochao, made from herbs, in Africa.

Wera-wa, made from the root of the turrot, in the Sandwich Islands.

Yrosti, made from grapes, on the Rhine.

Yung, made from rice, in the East Indies.

This list does not comprise all the spirits distilled by the different countries. A thousand or more come under the head of manufactured or compound.

BITS OF INFORMATION.

Porcelain originated in China.

Egyptian pottery is 5,800 years old.

The United States has eight navy yards.

The first English theatre was built in 1575.

Philadelphia has 25,000 more women than men.

Storm warnings were first issued in Holland in 1860.

Grandmothers at thirty are not at all unusual in Peru.

The German race has the largest percentage of suicides.

The English language contains forty-one distinct sounds.

It is said that a watch ticks for 157,680,000 times a year.

The largest photograph in the world is 17 feet by 10 inches.

In Blackstone's time England punished 150 offenses by death.

Cannibalism is still practiced in India among the sects of the Aghori.

Throughout the entire world there are annually about 180,000 suicides.

Rapid growth of the finger-nails is considered to indicate good health.

In the space of one minute the polypus can change its form 100 times.

The average number of murders in the United States is about 4,000 a year.

There are 823,997 men in the United States available for military service.

It would require 12,000 cholera microbes to form a procession an inch long.

Blankets were invented by Thomas Blanket, who made them at Bristol in 1340.

Real sardonyx marbles are made from agate found in Oberstein, near the Rhine.

The codfish is the most prolific fish of the sea, yielding 45,000,000 eggs each season.

The Constitution, launched in 1797, is the oldest ship in the United States Navy.

In dry air at 92 degrees sound travels 1,142 feet per second, or about 275 miles per hour.

To keep down obesity English ladies observe periods of dieting on chicken, fish and game.

Some leisured men figure that a finger nail grows seven feet nine inches in a scriptural term lifetime.

Laborer has 200 species of flowering plants, 50 ferns and over 200 species of mosses and lichens.

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The face on the American silver dollar is a facsimile of that of Anna Williams, a Philadelphia girl.

The owl's wise look is the result of a physiological oddity—his eyes are fixed immovably in their sockets.

A girl is considered of marriageable age at twelve in Switzerland, Spain, Greece, Hungary and Portugal.

Laborer trunks for transporting clothes were made and sold in Rome as early as the time of Julius Caesar.

Sculptors contend that the height of the Venus de Medici, 5 feet 5 inches, is the perfect stature for women.

The smallest bird is a Brazilian hummingbird. It is a little larger than a common honey bee and weighs five grains.

The latest pattern of rapid-fire guns throw a projectile through the air at the rate of 2,287 feet per second, or 1,068 miles an hour.

Aurora, Ill., was the first city in the world to illuminate its streets with electricity. The wires there were placed in position in 1881.

Just as an ordinary Briton has his coat cut and made to fit him, so the Esquimaux have kayak, or canoe, made according to his size.

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The Share Market.

LATEST QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—97 per cent., men, sales and buyers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—on £800, paid up.—\$21, sellers.
The National Bank of China, Ltd.—Founders' shares, nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—nominal.
The Bank of China, Japan & the Straits, Ltd.—Founders' shares—\$, buyers.

CHINESE LOANS.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1886 £—11 per cent. premium.

MARINE INSURANCES.

Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$125 per share, buyers.
China Trade Insurance Company—\$61 per share, sellers.
North China Insurance—Tls. 175 per share, buyers.
Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$143 per share, sellers.
Vancouver Insurance Association—\$75, buyers.
On-Tel Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 15 per share.
The Great Insurance Co., Ltd.—\$16 per share, sellers.

FIRE INSURANCES.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$178 per share, sellers.
China Fire Insurance Company—\$75 per share, sellers.
The Strait Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.—\$48 per share, buyers.

SHIPPING.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$24 per share, buyers.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—\$66, buyers.
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—\$39, sellers.
Douglas Steamship Company—\$46, buyers.
China Mutual Shippers Co., Ltd.—(Preference)—\$.65 per share, nominal.
China Mutual Shippers Co., Ltd.—(Ordinary)—\$.1 per share, nominal.

REFINERIES.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$748 per share, sellers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$48, sellers.

MINING.

Punjum Mining Co.—(Ordinary)—\$4 per share, sales and buyers.
Punjum Mining Co.—(Preference)—\$1.50 per share, sellers.

The Ruth Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$490 per share, sellers.

The New Balmoral Gold Mining Co., Limited—\$.3 per share, sellers.

Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin—\$.70 per share, sales and buyers.

The Telesco Mining and Trading Co., Limited—\$4.50, buyers.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—78 per cent. premium, buyers.

Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited—\$18 per share, sellers.

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company—\$.37 per share, sellers.

Wanchai Warehouse Co., Ltd.—\$40 per share, sellers.

HOTELS.

Hongkong Hotel Company—\$.8 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Hotel Co.'s Six per-cent. Debentures—\$.101.

The Shamoon Hotel Co., Limited—nominal.

LANDS AND BUILDING.

The Kowloon Land Investment Co., Limited—\$.10 per share, buyers.

The Hongkong Land Investment Co., Limited—\$.51, sellers.

The West Port Buildings Co., Limited—\$.19 per share, sellers.

Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.—\$.14 per share, sellers.

DISPENSARIES.

A. S. Watson & Co., Limited—\$.10, sellers.

Dakin, Crichton & Co., Limited—\$.1 per share, buyers.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Hongkong Dairy Farm Co., Limited—\$.5 per share, sellers.

H. G. Brown & Co., Limited—\$.35 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$.10 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$.75 per share, buyers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$.50 per share, buyers.

Hongkong and China Biscuit Company, Limited—\$.40 per share, sellers.

The Hongkong Brick and Cement Co., Limited—\$.2 per share, sellers.

The Green Island Cement Co.—\$.5, buyers.

The Hongkong Electric Light Co., Limited—\$.1, buyers.

The Hongkong High-Level Tramway Co., Limited—\$.70, buyers.

Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.—\$.2 per share.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON—Bank, T. T. 2/0⁷

Bank Bills, on demand 2/0⁷

Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/1⁷

Credits at 4 months' sight 2/1⁷

Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 2/1⁷

ON PARIS—

Bank Bills, on demand 2/60

Credits, at 4 months' sight 2/65

ON INDIA—

T. T. 187⁴

On Demand 188

ON SHANGHAI—

Bank, T. T. 72⁵

Private, 30 days' sight 73⁵

Sovereigns (Bank buying rate) 90.38

Silver (per oz.) 28.15/16

VISITORS AND RESIDENTS AT THE PEAK HOTEL.

Mr. M. G. Allen, Mr. Morton James.

Mr. J. G. Buckle, Mr. Medhurst.

Mr. J. A. E. Chaudet, Major and Mrs. Moore.

Miss Cox, Mr. J. L. Prosser.

Captain Van Corck, Mr. Sanderson.

Mr. R. H. Crombie, Mr. and Mrs. Sansom.

Mr. R. P. Dipple, Mr. F. Slagter.

Mr. J. P. Dowling, Mr. & Mrs. A. Findlay.

Mr. D. Farquharson, Smith and family.

Mr. J. Hanse, Mr. A. G. Stiles.

Mr. W. S. Harrison, Mr. Taylor.

Mr. John J. Hoar, Rev. Mrs. Vallinge.

Mr. Geo. Holmes, Capt. Geo. Vlavianos.

Mr. G. Holmes, Mrs. H. Wilcox.

Mr. J. K. Macrae.

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Mr. F. Bornemann, Mr. Hugh MacCallum.
Capt. and Mrs. Combe, Mr. A. W. Mackley,
and child. Mr. C. Matti.
Mr. J. R. Copeman, Mr. A. McWilliams.
Capt. R. Crawford, Mr. T. W. Markley.
Mr. W. B. Crocker, Mr. A. M. McEwan.
Mr. T. B. Dickson, Mr. T. Mitchell.
Mr. R. H. Douglas, Mr. W. Parfitt.
Mr. W. A. Duff, Mr. E. W. Penfield.
Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, Mr. S. Reich.
Dundon and Maid, Mr. H. Robinson.
Mr. and Mrs. Dymond, Dr. R. C. Roby.
Mr. C. N. Edison, Mr. F. Shaw.
Mr. & Mrs. G. Eldred, Mrs. A. Shean.
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Mr. W. Fliton, Mr. John Stewart.
Mrs. Haddon, Mrs. C. S. Tickney.
Mrs. W. B. Harmston, Mr. W. Tarn.
and child. Mr. H. A. S. Thompson.
Mr. & Mrs. G. Harmston, Miss F. S. Utte.
Mr. Frank Harmston, Mr. W. Whaley.
Mr. C. H. S. Harris, Mr. E. Willkom.
Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Wrottesley.

The Brit'ish steamship *Formosa* reports that she left Tamsui on the 16th instant, and experienced strong north-east gale and high confused sea to Amoy. Left Amoy on the 18th, and experienced moderate north-east monsoon and fine weather to Swatow. Left Swatow on the 10th, and experienced moderate northerly breeze, cloudy and overcast weather with smooth sea. In Amoy the steamships *Zafiro*, *Achilles*, *Slam*, one French gunboat, Chinese revenue cruiser *Feiho* and one gunboat. In Swatow the steamships *Hollow*, *Canton*, and *Hotham*.

Post Office.

A MAIL WILL CLOSE.

For Hollow and Haiphong—Per *Hongkong* to-morrow, the 21st instant, at 10 a.m.

For Yacham and Koh—Per *Irons* to-morrow, the 21st instant, at 10 a.m.

For Swatow—Per *Hollow* to-morrow, the 21st instant, at 10 a.m.

For Tamsui—Per *Hollow* to-morrow, the 21st instant, at 10 a.m.

For Singapore—Per *Ptolemais* on Thursday, the 22nd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Thursday, the 22nd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Thursday, the 22nd instant, at 11 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Thursday, the 22nd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Friday, the 23rd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Friday, the 23rd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Friday, the 23rd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Saturday, the 24th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Saturday, the 24th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Saturday, the 24th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Sunday, the 25th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Sunday, the 25th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Sunday, the 25th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Monday, the 26th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Monday, the 26th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Monday, the 26th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Tuesday, the 27th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Tuesday, the 27th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Wednesday, the 28th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Wednesday, the 28th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Wednesday, the 28th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Thursday, the 29th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Thursday, the 29th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Thursday, the 29th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Friday, the 30th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Friday, the 30th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Friday, the 30th instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Saturday, the 31st instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Saturday, the 31st instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Saturday, the 31st instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Sunday, the 1st instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Sunday, the 1st instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Sunday, the 1st instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Monday, the 2nd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Monday, the 2nd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Monday, the 2nd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Foochow, Tuesday, the 3rd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Europe, India, &c., via Bombay—Per *Rohilla* on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, at 10 a.m.

For Manila—Per *Ptolemais* on Tuesday, the 3rd instant,